

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the "second" Claim 14[✓] a dependent claim which follows an independent claim 14, created by an inadvertant error in claim numbering.

Please cancel claims 31[✓] - 36, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A manufactured firelog providing user selected control of burning rate, comprising:

a combustible material agglomerated into a predetermined shape as a combustible firelog;

a flammable wrapper surrounding said combustible firelog; and

at least one combustion shield joined to said flammable wrapper to reduce the air reaching a portion of the surface of said combustible firelog;

AI said combustion shield being of a fireproof, or fire retardent, material;

wherein user positioning of said combustible firelog for burning with said combustion shield retained underneath said combustible firelog shields that portion of said combustible material from air to reduce the burning rate; and

wherein burning of said combustible firelog with said combustion shield retained on an upper or side surface of said combustible firelog by said user allows the combustion shield to separate from the combustible firelog as said wrapper burns so that the combustion shield does not substantially impact burning rate.

2. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 1, wherein said combustion shield is adapted with perforations on at least portions of its surface to allow for a predetermined amount of combustion.

3. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 1:

wherein said combustion shield may be at least partially removed by the consumer to expose additional portions of said firelog prior to burning;

A1 wherein the rate of combustion is selected by said consumer prior to igniting said firelog.

4. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 3, wherein a pull-cord, or equivalent, is attached to said combustion shield to facilitate full or partial removal of said shield.

6. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 5:

A2 wherein said means for selectively shielding said firelog comprises a combustion shield of a fire-resistant or fireproof material;

wherein said combustion shield is positioned proximal to said firelog to restrict airflow from reaching portions of the surface of the firelog to reduce the resulting combustion rate.

A3 9. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 6, wherein said combustion rate may be adjusted by positioning at least a portion of said combustion shield on the underside of said firelog.

10. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 6, wherein said combustion shield is attached to the surface of said firelog.

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11. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 6, wherein said combustion shield is joined to a flammable wrapper surrounding said firelog.

22. (amended) A baked bun as recited in claim 15, wherein said baked bun comprises a hot dog bun, a hamburger bun, or equivalent.

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39. (amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein said base member has a thickness between approximately 30 mils and 80 mils.

40. (amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 37, further comprising a rolling means associated upon which said base member with said adherent layer may be rolled up for storage.

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41. (amended) A breath equalizer preparation for reducing the offense caused by breath-born halitosis, comprising:

an edible base material;

flavorings within said edible base material to enhance flavor; and

at least one odiferant agent within said edible base material, associated with one or more specific causes of breath-born halitosis;

wherein the consumption the odiferant agent within said base material causes a reduction in the olfactory sensitivity of said specific causes of the breath-born halitosis associated with said odiferant.

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42. (amended) A breath equalizer preparation as recited in claim 41, wherein said odiferant comprises an odiferous compound associated with a given breath-born form of halitosis.

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Please add the following claims 51 - 56:

51. In a manufactured firelog formed from an agglomeration of combustible material in a predetermined shape, wherein the improvement comprises:

incorporating a combustion shield of a fire-resistant or fireproof material positioned to cover a portion of the surface of said said firelog to restrict air from reaching portions of the surface of the firelog to reduce the combustion rate.

AG 52. The manufactured firelog as recited in claim 51, wherein said combustion shield comprises a thin metallic foil attached to a flammable wrapper surrounding said firelog.

53. The manufactured firelog as recited in claim 52, wherein said combustion shield is adapted for full or partial removal from said firelog to alter the amount of combustion shielding provided which alters the resulting combustion rate.

54. An apparatus as recited in claim 37, further comprising a magnetic material joined to said base member, upon which magnetic materials, or items incorporating magnetic materials, may be magnetically attached.

55. An apparatus as recited in claim 37, further comprising trays, loops, pockets, joined to said base member and configured for retaining items during use.

56. A breath equalizer preparation as recited in claim 41, wherein said

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odiferant includes a sulphide compound associated with one or more specific breath-born forms of halitosis.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

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 - at least one combustion shield joined to said flammable wrapper to reduce the air reaching a portion of the surface of said combustible firelog;
 - said combustion shield being of a fireproof, or fire retardent, material;
 - wherein user positioning of said combustible firelog for burning with said combustion shield retained underneath said combustible firelog shields that portion of said combustible material from air to reduce the burning rate; and
 - wherein burning of said combustible firelog with said combustion shield retained on an upper or side surface of said combustible firelog by said user allows the combustion shield to separate from the combustible firelog as said wrapper burns so that the combustion shield does not substantially impact burning rate.
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3. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 1;
[.] wherein said combustion shield may be at least partially removed by the consumer to expose additional portions of said firelog prior to burning;
wherein the rate of combustion is selected by said consumer prior to igniting said firelog.

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6. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 5; [.]
wherein said means for selectively shielding said firelog comprises a combustion shield of a fire-resistant or fireproof material; [.]
wherein said combustion shield is positioned proximal to said firelog to restrict airflow from reaching portions of the surface of the firelog [which consequently reduces] to reduce the resulting combustion rate.

9. (amended) A manufactured firelog as recited in claim 6, wherein said combustion rate may be adjusted by positioning at least a portion of said combustion shield on the underside of said firelog.

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at least one odiferant agent within said edible base material, associated with one or more specific causes of breath-born halitosis;

wherein the consumption the odiferant agent within [the] said base material causes a reduction in the olfactory sensitivity of said specific causes of the breath-born halitosis associated with said odiferant.

42. (amended) A breath equalizer preparation as recited in claim 41, wherein said odiferant comprises [a] an odiferous compound [sulphide, or equivalent,] associated with a given breath-born form of halitosis.

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